REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to include the continuing application data.

A Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is forthcoming. The Examiner is requested to defer examination until receipt of the Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is also requested to contact Applicant's representative listed below if the Preliminary Amendment has not been received.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff

Registration No. 27,075

Kevin M. McKinley Registration No. 43,794

JAO:KMM/gam

Date: January 2, 2004

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 19928 Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Telephone: (703) 836-6400 DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE
AUTHORIZATION
Please grant any extension
necessary for entry;
Charge any fee due to our
Deposit Account No. 15-0461